

# Office of the Governor Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** Latino history in Iowa dates back centuries and continues to influence the future; and

**WHEREAS,** in recognition that Latinos descended from Native Americans whose indigenous civilizations developed and thrived thousands of years before Columbus reached the Americas; and

**WHEREAS,** Latino Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the culture and traditions of people whose ancestry can be traced to the Caribbean Islands, Central America, Mexico, and South America; and

**WHEREAS,** as part of this celebration, the Iowa Commission of Latino affairs recognizes and honors the outstanding and significant cultural, political, social and economic contributions to Iowa by Latinos through the Iowa Latino Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS,** Elizabeth Balcarcel; Michael R. Reyes; Claudia Gabriela Rivera; Crystal Ambritz, recipient of the Iowa Latinx Youth Leadership Award; Buffy E. Jamison, recipient of the Iowa LGBTQIA Leadership Award; and Henny Ohr, recipient of the Robert D. Ray Award for Equity and Justice, symbolize Iowa's strengths, demonstrating outstanding achievements and play a vital role in Iowa's economy and workforce as well as our communities with the cultural, educational, and political influences of their culture that can be seen and appreciated in all aspects of our life, from farm-worker struggles for housing and equal wages to incredible and gifted artists, professionals, vibrant businesses, music and community festivals:


**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim September 15 - October 15, 2020 as**

## LATINO HERITAGE MONTH

in Iowa and urge citizens to increase their cultural awareness by learning and celebrating the important contributions of Latinos in Iowa.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO  
SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT  
SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE  
AT DES MOINES THIS 1st DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE  
YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY.

  
KIM REYNOLDS  
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

PAUL PATRICK   
SECRETARY OF STATE